Discontinuation of cholera inoculation

*48. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY;

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 10th April, 1988 to the effect that an expert committee of immunologists and other medical scientists has recommended the discontinuation of mass inoculation against Cholera;

(, b) whether the committee has stated that neither the midicine prevents an outbreak of choleia nor can it save the life of the affected persons;

!c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Govternment to invent a a alternative vaccine against the dreaded disease Cholera?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The Government has seen thte press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express dated 10-4-1988.

A meeting of the Group of Experts was held at New Delhi on 29-1-1988 to review the efficacy of cholera-vaccine and its use in natural calamities such as floods and drought and routine public health practices. The Group recommended as under:

—routine anticipatory cholera inoculation in public health practice is of little use and be discontinued.

—Cholera vaccination is not recommended to combat the epidemic if it had occurred since neither contains the spread of disease nor saves the lives of affected persons and districts the attention and resources of health authorities from much needed and effective environmental control measures including health education;

—cholera vaccination facilities can continue to be provided on demand on a voluntary basis at all hospitals and health centres;

—as an adjunct to the other important control measures, cholera inoculation, if resources permit, could be undertaken, in two doses schedule, if the population threatened is limited and it is feasible to administer vaccine to nearly all the 'ihreateriad persons and particularly wherever there is disruption of normal living and breakdown of environmental provisions such as in refugee camps or labour cnmps at construction sites.

The Scientists all over the World have been trying to develop a more effective vaccine against Cholera. In the past Cholera toxoid was used for control trial but did not show the satisfactory benefit. A controlled field trial of oral wholesale/B Sub-Unit has been undertaken in the past. The result has been encouraging.

Some of the other studies are at present in the experimental stage.

However, drugs used in the treatment of specific cases of acute diar-rhoeal diseases including cholera, are available indigenously in addition to rehydration therapy. ORS packets are made available through Village Health Guides, Primary Health Centres/Hospitals, etc.

Shortage of Teacher etc, in Navodaya Vidyalayas

49. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR -Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that afu-dents of Navodaya Vidyalayas are riot able to receive proper education du*

to the shortage of teachers and of proper facilities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to fill up the vacancies of teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas and to provide the minimum facilities to these Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY 6F HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In view of the fact that the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme is at its formative stage, that the Vidyalayas are mostly located in buildings offered by the State/Union Territories Governments temporarily and that the teachers are being recruited initially on deputation basis only, certain shortages in the number of teachers and in the facilities do crop UP in a few cases. However, all possible immediate remedial measures are being taken to ensure that the children receive proper education.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Cargo support to the National liners and Shipping companies

**f0.* SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SUR - FACE TIANSPORT be pleased to that:

(a) whether Government are con sidering 3 proposal for extending per cent of cargo support the nat ional liners and shipping companies;

(b) if so, by when this is likely to eotne into operation?

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(a) (and (b) *Yes, Sir* &P deflnite *time achedule can howeyer be indicated as* fo when it will comeinto operation.

51. SHRIMATI BIJYOYA KRAVARTY. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal from the Asom Sahitya Sabha to evolve a national policy on culture; and

(b) if so, what the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Apollo group of hospitals in Delhi

52. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;

Will the Minister $_0$f HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Go vernment have given permission to the Delhi Administration for promot. ing a joint venture company with the Apollo Group of Hospitals in Delhi for the setting up up of a edded super-speciality hospital;

(b) if so, the details in this re-Sard;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of private cUrucfi/hospitaJs have come up during the few years in Delhi which charge exorhitant sums from from pa-tients;

(d) if so. *whetner Government* propose to and